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5 The invention relates to a system for immobilizing  
two vertebrae, the system comprising two screws, an  
elongated connecting member and two fastening systems.  
Each fastening system comprises: a clamping member; and a  
fastening member (28) consisting of a single ring-shaped  
piece having a lateral wall (34) around an axial passage  
(36), said wall including a first aperture (38) for the  
10 clamping member and a second aperture (40) comprising a  
first portion (46) and a second portion (48). The first  
portion (46) has a rim (50) forming a bearing surface for  
the screw head. The second portion (48) provides a free  
passage for the screw head. Said axial passage can  
15 receive one end of the connecting member and the screw  
head, whereby the screw head can be freely inserted into  
the axial passage of the fastening member and the end of  
the connecting member and the screw head are immobilized  
by actuating the clamping member.

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